Accidents involving IAF Aircrafts

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(a) the number of accidents involving the IAF aircrafts since 1996;

(b) the details of reasons which caused the accidents in each of the cases;

(c) whether it is a fact that majority of these accidents were caused due to human errors;

(d) if so, whether it is the result of lack of proper training facilities; and

(e) if so, the measures proposed, if any, to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) to (e) The details of all category-I accidents from April, 1996 to 21st November, 2002 are given below :—

Year	Cat-I Accident	Technical Defect	Human Error (Aircrew)	Bird Hit	Un-resolved	Un-identified
1996-1997	19	13	5	1	–	–
1997-1998	16	8	7	1	–	–
1998-1999	21	7	13	–	1	–
1999-2000	26	11	12	2	1	–
2000-2001	26	9	15	2	–	–
2001-2002	20	6	12	1	1	–
2002-2003	18	5	5	–	–	8
TOTAL :	146	59	69	7	3	8

Out of a total of 146 accidents 69 were due to Human Error (Aircrew).

The existing facilities are adequate to undertake flying training of pilots through Pre-Flying Training Course and subsequent stages of training at Flying Training Establishments. The structure of syllabus and existing resources are also sufficient to meet the training requirements of Indian Air Force. In order to improve the quality of training Government is also in the process of acquiring more simulators and inducting Advanced Jet Trainers.